

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



POLICY

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I-14628/84MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: TEMPEST Countermeasures Applied to Industry

Over the last several years, the costs associated with TEMPEST countermeasures applied to industry have been increasing dramatically. In many instances, TEMPEST security countermeasures far exceed the requirements of national policy and thereby impose unwarranted costs upon defense programs.

To correct this problem, I am promulgating the attached policy guidelines. Strict adherence to these guidelines is essential in order to avoid unnecessary expenditures. The policy guidelines provide that TEMPEST countermeasures will not be applied at the CONFIDENTIAL level. The policy guidelines further provide that a clear and compelling requirement must exist prior to imposing TEMPEST safeguards at the SECRET level. Moreover, TEMPEST countermeasures will be applied only when determined to be necessary under NACSI 5004 by an accredited TEMPEST authority. Under certain conditions, such determinations shall require an on-site visit by the accredited TEMPEST authority.

These guidelines, effective immediately, will result in a more reasonable and cost effective means by which to protect against the demonstrated vulnerability.

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Attachment

Copy to: Defense Acquisition Regulation Council

OSD review completed

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ARE DETACHED~~CONFIDENTIAL~~*Attachment 1.*